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Title: Distributed Network System  
which Transmits  
Information to Users Based  
on Past Transactions of the  
Users

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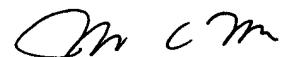
6.  Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.

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